

Owls

These nocturnal birds of prey are known for their distinct calls and silent flight. Owls use their excellent hearing to capture their prey — small animals, such as mice, squirrels, and rabbits. Their concave faces help collect and direct sound to the ears, located to the outside of each eye.

A Turn for the Better

Unable to move their eyes very far in their sockets, owls must rotate their entire head to see in a different direction. Some can turn as much as 270 degrees!

Year-round Residents



Barred



Barn Owl

Barn owls use 7 nesting boxes on the Refuge.



Eastern Screech

Gray Phase



Red Phase

Great Horned



Snowy

Long-eared



Northern Saw-whet

Occasionally Seen in Winter

Short-eared

